

HONORING DENNIS BROBSTON FOR HIS TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON SARATOGA COUNTY AND THE CAPITAL REGION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis Brobston for his remarkable career at Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC). Over his almost fifteen-year tenure, Dennis had a tremendous impact on Saratoga County and the Capital Region.

Under Dennis' leadership, SEDC focused on creating economic growth and stability in Saratoga County and the surrounding region by helping companies invest in facilities, technology, and talent. Since Dennis began serving as President in March 2008, he has worked on nearly 200 projects that have landed Saratoga County billions in economic development.

Among these projects was the creation of GlobalFoundries in 2009. SEDC estimates that this international firm created more than 3,000 jobs in Saratoga County and more than 20,000 indirect and induced jobs throughout the region. Dennis was involved in projects of all sizes, including creating distribution centers for Target, Ace Hardware, Quad/Graphics, Greenfield Manufacturing, Agrochem, Synergy Park, and Cortex.

Throughout Dennis' career, private investment in Saratoga County reached \$16 billion, job creation grew by over 5,000, and more than 4,000 jobs were retained. These investments and growth will continue to have an economic impact on the regional and state economy for many years going forward.

While Dennis' career at SEDC is coming to an end, his leadership will continue bringing economic success to the Saratoga region. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to congratulate Dennis for his monumental career at SEDC. We thank him for making a lasting impact on the Capital Region and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING CAPTAIN CODY APFEL UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Captain Cody Apfel of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobil-

ity Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Captain Cody Apfel epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Captain Cody Apfel of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 509, S. 2796.

HONORING USAF RET. COL. JAMES F. DOUGHERTY, JR.

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, I honor the life of Colonel James F. Dougherty Jr., USAF, Retired. He died at the Lake City VA Medical Center on June 16, 2022 at the age of 80.

Remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather, Colonel Dougherty was a pilot in the Air Force before moving into financial management. The unprecedented projects he tackled in the Air Force and the Department of Defense were a credit to his willingness to do the impossible in financial management and in support of military pay improvements for our troops stationed around the world. Colonel Dougherty served in Vietnam and in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

I extend my deepest condolences to Colonel Dougherty's family and friends and celebrate his life well lived. Our nation is grateful for his service and sacrifice to the Stars and Stripes.

HONORING CAPTAIN SPENCER YACOS UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to be present on December 6, 2022, to vote on S. 4834, the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 510, S. 4834, PROTECT Our Children Act.

RECOGNIZING SAN ANTONIO'S RICHARD PEREZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Richard Perez of San Antonio, Texas.

After 15 years serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Perez will step down from his position at the end of this month. Thanks to Mr. Perez, the Chamber is stronger and more influential than ever. I would like to congratulate him on his many successes and wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Perez learned about the importance of small businesses—and the challenges that they face—at